

life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Responsive

We approach God in prayer not as strangers, but as beloved children, baptized in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

LORD'S PRAYER - UNISON

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION - UNISON

*God of glory,
as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus,
we bring our gifts to you.
May these gifts be used
to lift up those who are oppressed,
to bring deliverance to those who are in need,
to support those who are poor,
and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.*

— Sending —

*HYMN #12 "IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE" Smith, 1867

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever. *Alleluia!*

As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls us to this day: Follow me. *Amen.*

*RESPONSE #155 "RAISE A SONG OF GLADNESS" Taize, 1978

*POSTLUDE Selected

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HENDERSON



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Service for the Lord's Day

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 23, 2020

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"... no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God." 2 Peter 1:20b

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of Moses and Matthew, may we remember that you are with us on the highest mountains and in the deepest valleys. You are always there to hold our hand. Amen

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michele R. Goff

INTROIT

"WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH"

Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive

Liturgist - Tim Wasson

Do you see it?

In fire and cloud our God appears:

the glory of the Lord settles over us.

Do you hear it?

A voice thunders from heaven:

"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him."

Open your eyes; unstop your ears.

We are gathered on holy ground.

Let us magnify the Lord!

*HYMN #263

"ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME"

Perronet, 1787

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CONFESSION

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we search for you amidst the grand and glorious, the sacred and serene. We are eager to bask in your splendor and dwell with you in sanctuaries that shelter us from the sorrow of this world. We forget you are also present in the ordinary and profane, the desperate and despised. You send us back down the mountain to proclaim your law of grace and live your command of love—to tread the path that Jesus tread. Transform us, embolden us, and free us from fear, that we might be beacons of your light.

KYRIE, FOR FEBRUARY

Kyrie Eleison

"It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Give glory to the Lord of Heaven, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! ***Thanks be to God.***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

— Word —

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: trans·fig·u·ra·tion

ANTHEM

"BE THOU MY VISION"

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Exodus 9:1-4

Bibles, p.68/LG.p.87

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

GREEK SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 1:16-21

Bibles, p.222/LG.p.287

A new teaching, with authority! ***Thanks be to God.***

HYMN #177

"I WILL COME TO YOU (YOU ARE MINE)"

Haas, 1991

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17:1-9

Bibles, p.17/ LG. p.22

The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

— Response —

*HYMN #190

"SWIFTLY PASS THE CLOUDS OF GLORY"

Troeger, 1985

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - UNISON

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His